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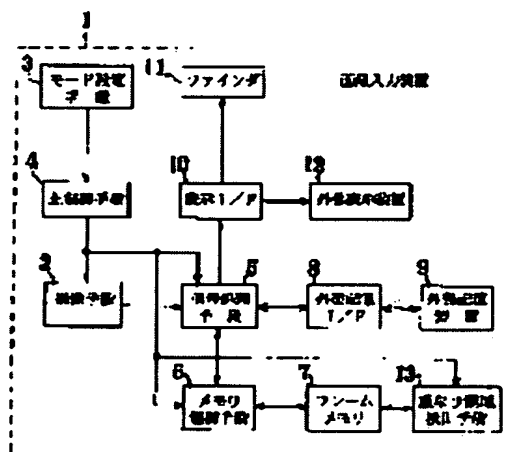
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(54) IMAGE INPUT DEVICE AND IMAGE INPUT METHOD

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To allow a photographer to easily confirm photographing conditions by informing the photographer of whether or not photographing is proper in the case of compositing panorama images.

SOLUTION: A 1st image photographed by an image pickup means 2 is used for a criterion image and a 2nd image that is being photographed by the image pickup means 2 at present is used for a reference image. An overlap area detection means 13 detects an overlapped area between the criterion image and the reference image and displays the size of the overlapped area on an overlapped area display indicator of a finder 11. When a shutter of the image pickup means 2 is depressed, the overlap area detection means 13 lights a warning indicator of the finder 11 when the displayed size of the overlapped area is a preset threshold value or below to instruct revision of a photographing position to the photographer.



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